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cutting at least one cladding sheet of a specified thickness suitable for use

as a cladding sheet from a first ingot made from a first aluminum material;

placing said cladding sheet on a side of a second ingot made from a

second aluminum material; and

rolling said cladding sheet and said second ingot, said rolling comprising several roll passes thereby producing said aluminum composite material.

Claim 7 (Previously Added). The method of claim 6 wherein said cutting comprises sawing said cladding sheet from said first ingot.

Claim 8 (Previously Added). The method of claim 7 wherein, after said cutting, said cladding sheet has a thickness of 2 mm to 100 mm.

Claim 9 (Previously Added). The method of claim 8 further comprising, prior to said rolling, treating a surface from the group consisting of:

- (a) at least one surface of said cladding sheet;
- (b) at least one surface of said second ingot; and
- (c) a combination of (a) and (b).

Claim 10 (Previously Added). The method of claim 7 further comprising, prior to said rolling, treating a surface from the group consisting of:

- (a) at least one surface of said cladding sheet;
- (b) at least one surface of said second ingot; and
- (c) a combination of (a) and (b)

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Claim 11 (Previously Added). The method of claim 6 wherein, after said cutting, said cladding sheet has a thickness of 2 mm to 100 mm.

Claim 12 (Previously Added). The method of claim 11 further comprising, prior to said rolling, treating a surface from the group consisting of:

- (a) at least one surface of said cladding sheet;
- (b) at least one surface of said second ingot; and
- (c) a combination of (a) and (b).

Claim 13 (Previously Added). The method of claim 6 further comprising, prior to said rolling, treating a surface from the group consisting of:

- (a) at least one surface of said cladding sheet;
- (b) at least one surface of said second ingot; and
- (c) a combination of (a) and (b).

Claim 14 (Currently Amended). A method for producing at least one <u>aluminum</u> cladding sheet from a first ingot <u>made from a first aluminum material</u>, said cladding sheet for use in an aluminum composite material, said composite material <u>being</u> produced at least partially by (1) placing said cladding sheet on a side of a second ingot <u>made from a second aluminum material</u>, and (2) rolling said cladding sheet and said second ingot, said rolling comprising several roll passes <u>thereby producing said composite material</u>, said method comprising cutting said <u>aluminum</u> cladding sheet from said first ingot <u>at a specified</u> thickness suitable for use as a cladding sheet for said composite material.

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Claim 15 (Previously Added). The method of claim 14 wherein said cutting comprises sawing said cladding sheet from said first ingot.

Claim 16 (Previously Added). The method of claim 14 wherein, after said cutting, said cladding sheet has a thickness of 2 mm to 100 mm.

Claim 17 (Previously Added). The method of claim 14 further comprising, prior to said rolling, treating at least one surface of said cladding sheet.